

THE PRINCE OF LIFE CRUCIFIED Matthew 27:33-50-December 11

"HE trini of Jesus really took place shortly after his arrest, but, on account of the Law requiring a death sentence to be passed in daylight, a morning meeting of the Sanbedrin was appointed, which, in a perfunctory manner, confirmed the high priest's decision of the night before, that Jesus had blasphemed the Creator when he claimed that he had come into the world in accord with the Creator's long-promised plan that he should redeem Israel and the world from the death sentence, that in God's due time he might establish the Messlanic Kingdom for the blessing of Is

rael and all the families of the earth. The matter was rushed through lest the gathered multitudes, who had shouted, "Hosunna to the Sen of Dawhen Jesus rode upon the ass five days before, should undertake again to proclaim him king. No execution could take place during the Passover week. And if Jesus were held a prisoner they knew not what might happen to him or to them. They had, therefore, but a few hours in which to carry out the plan which they believed would rid their country of a



man whom they considered a deceiver and one likely to get them into trou-ble with the Government at Rome.

The Sanhedrin had authority to judge the people along the lines of their religion, but was probibited from executing the death penalty. Hence it was necessary, after the condemnation of the Sanhedrin, to take the case before Filate, the Roman Governor. Realizing that Pilate would not recognize blasphemy as a cause for death, the charge against Jesus, before Pilate, was a totally different one, namely, that Jesus was a seditionist and raiser of disturbance; that he claimed to be a king and that his freedom was innical to the interests of the Roman Empire. The foolishness and the bypoerisy of such a charge were too transparent to need assertion. Pilate perceived that for eavy they were do Hvering him-because he and his tench ings were having more influence with the common people than could be exercised by the chief priests and scribes. By thought that they had finally displayed to that impossing the priests and elders by the chief priests and elders by Pilate relieved himself of responsibili declaring that since the jurisdiction of the case, which he was glad to get rid of.

Jesus Before King Herod

. This was an unexpected difficulty, but Herod's pulace was not far distant. He was glad of the opportunity to see Jesus, of whose miracles he had heard much. As he looked at the Master's noble features and beheld in him purity and gentle dignity, it must have emed ridiculous that such a person should be arraigned as a seditionist and a man dangerous to the interests of the peace of the country. After a few taunting words and jests, the palace guards took a hand with the one whom their master treated apparetly They put upon him a purple tobe and a crown of thoms and mocked at his unkingly appearance. Then Herod de-clined to act in the case and sent the prisoner back to Pilate, perhaps feeling that he had had a sufficiency of trouble in connection with the beheading of John the Baptist a year or so before. The matter was a loke between Herod and Pilate-dealing with the case of a man claimed to be so enngerous that he must die thus, when he manifestly was so pure and innocent that the weakest would be safe

Pilate's Perplexity Increased

Plinte was disappointed when Jesus was brought back to his court. The case was an unpleasant one to settle. The prisoner manifestly was innocent of any crime, yet his accusers were the most prominent men in the nation and city over which he had charge. Their good will must be preserved, if possible, and they were evidently bent on the murder of their innocent captive under the form of legality. What a pity it is that religion has been so often misrepresented by her votaries in every age of the world! A lesson which we all should learn is to search the motives and intentions of our own bearts, that we be not led into the

error of the wicked-into violating the against God.

Pilate heard the accusations, realised that there was no truth in them, and then gave his decision: I find no fault in Jesus, but, seeing that such a commotion has been created, I consider it necessary in the interests of peace to satisfy the unrighteous demands of the clamoring multirade. I will therefore have the prisoner whipped, although I acknowledge he is not deserving of punishment. The whipping will be in his own interest, as well as in the interests of the peace will be spured. As political decisions like a mask. go, this was a very fair decree. Magistrates recognize that absolute justice is not always possible in deating with imperfect conditions.

But the rulers would not be satisfied with anything short of Jesus' death. The rabble was exhorted to shout. Crucify him! Crucify him! It seemed Ains, how human passion can ignore other stove in every church. every principle of righteousness! To add to Pilate's perpiexity, his wife now sent him word, Have nothing to do with this just person, for I have itself with him.

as none of your rare possess-hor oth-Jesus has been condemned and that ing way, even unconsciously your conception of justice has been ourselves. If this be the result unto us Barabbas (a robber and danperous characters.

Thou Art Not Caesar's Friend

The Jewish leaders were shrewd. They knew that treason to Rome was me of the most serious offenses and in the fact that Jesus had spoken of #d. wherewith to compel his crucifixion. They used it, assuring Pilate that if he he would have difficulty in explaining such a case and that the Roman Government would agree with the decision rather than have any commotion in pers of execution, but before doing so sight of the people washed his hands, saying, "I am guittess of the blood of this just person."

The execution proceeded. The soldiers already had two thieves to crucify and merely added another cross gotha, a hillside near where the face household. of the rock much resembles a skull-Golgotha signifying the place of a skull. It is just to the north of the city, outside the wall. New buildings and a wall recently erected hinder visitors at the present time from getting the skull effect as formerly. The crime

Satur and his deluded dupes evidentnocked his declaration that he was for him to die for man's sin, in order at hand that, by and by, he might have rightful authority, in his glorious Kingdom,



to restore all mankind to full perfec tion and life under the terms of the New Covenant, of which he will be the Mediator. (Jer. 31:31.) At the sixth hour, noon, darkness settled down for three hours and then Jesus

died, erying, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" In order that he might fully experience the weight of Divine Justice which belonged to the sluner, it was necessary that the Father should hide himself from him, as though he had been the sinner. This temporary separation from the Father was evidently the severest blow in all of the Master's experience.

COLUMN DEDICATED TO TIKED MOTHERS AS THEY JOIN THE HOME CIRCLE.

No language can express the pow er and beauty and herolam and majesty of a mother's love. It shrinks not where man cowers, and grows stronger where man faints and over of the city, for by satisfying the clam-or of the multitude the life of Jesus radiance of its quenchless fidelity

At a recent ministerial convention one of the preachers suggestthat it wouldn't be a bad idea to have a sermon occasionally on the recognition of friends on earth. He said many people were so taken up impossible for Phate to appreciate with the good time they expected to such a freazy could be aroused have in the sky they forgot to be against so innocent a person. So he sociable here. His head was level, inquired. What evil hath he done? and we hope his sousible words will But the answer was, Crucify him! be about the same as putting au-

Kindness,

There is nothing like kindness in had a horrible dream which connects the world. It is the very principle of love; an emanation of the heart As a last resort Pilate caused Jesus which softens and gladdens, and to be brought to a prominent place should be inculested and encouraged where the multitude could all see him in all our intercourse with our feland then he cried out to them, "Behold low beings. It is impossible to rethe Man!" See the character of the sist continued kinduess. We may in man you are willing to crucify, Note a moment of petulance or passion, that he has most kingly features, such manifest coldness to the exhibition of good will on the part of a new sample of your race? Consider; be reasonable, Behold the Man: It has let him continu to prove himself for years been a custom with you that really benevolent of heart, generthe Government at this season release outly and kindly disposed, and we a prisoner. So, then, consider that will find our stubborn nature givcatisfied and that now I release him to kindness among comparative strangyou. But the multitude cried out so ers, how much more certain and delightful will be the exercise the feelings at home, within the charmed circle of friends and rela Home enjoyments, home tives? affections, home courtestes, cannot be too carefully or steadily cultivat-They form the sunshine of the himself as a king they had the lever heart. They bless and sanctify our private circle. They become curre of calm delight to the man

They used it assumed they would report of business after a day of toil, they him to the Emperor. Pliste knew that of business after a day of toil they is not worth clouding your working man.that there is something ing yourself and others physicallypurer, more precious even, than the for the mind affects the body-for of Calaphas that one man should die gains of industry. They twine them selves around the heart, call forth their dominion. Thus compelled, Pi- its best and purest emotions and tate finally acceded and wrote the pa- resources, enable us to be more virthous, more apright, more Chris he took a pitcher of water and in the tian, in all our relations of life. We see in the little beings around us the soul and a life of devotion to the elements of fidelity and religion. A day of toil is robbed of many of its cares by the thought is but a river running with rapidity. that in the evening we may return and the procession started for Gol- home and mingle with the family

> Borrowing Trouble. Of all the absurdities extant, sure-

The trouble borrowers have of each cultrit was, by Law, inscribed enjoyment; it seems as though the over his head. Above the Master's word was omitted from their vocbahead was his crime-"Jesus, King of ulary, their life being one ceaseward to that impending doom which

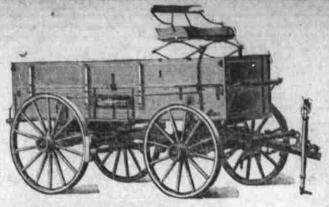
Jesus was in Galitee, King Herod, the the Son of God and demanded that, a sychone may be expected all in ful words and a multitude of not the truth, that it was necessary come overcust, a thunderstorm in

> Then there are various domestic forebodings, from a mild to a severe form probably, a case of meas les in the next square, another case of whooping-cough in the next street in constant trouble and anxiety in the City of Toledo, County and about their health, although the State aforesaid, and that said firm same amount of strength in cheerful person would be taken as

an indication of healthfulness. But these trouble borrowers are always expecting disorders of ex- Cure. ery kind-and if they do not actually come, they are sick all the

same of disappointment. Thousands of people are dying every year of this constant suspicion of their health, while others settle down into a gloomy state from forehodings of trouble to come. They do not know why it is they are system. Send for testimonials free always expecting something to happen. A bird files in at the window, a sait cellar upsets on the table, a ricket chirps on the hearth, they





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shiver and actually expect a men senger to rush in with evil tidings.

What good does fretting do? It increases only with indulgence, like anger or appetite. It endangers one's temper, excites unpleasant feelone's temper, excites unpleasant feelings toward everybody and confuses the mind. It affects the whole person, unfitting one for the proper completion of the work the trifling interruption or disturbance of which started the fretful life.

Suppose things go wrong today; the "tomorrows" are coming, in which to try again, and the thing spirit and those around you, injursuch a triffe.

.... A Beautiful Life.

A beautiful life is an honest life. A life of truthfulness, of nobility of our loved ones here and to the God who created us. Life indeed, onward, onward, ever on. It runs alas! too swiftly. We have one moment in which to hesitate of spend in idlenum. We should place a guard on our every-day actions as we travel along life's journey Just one unkind word can never be recalled; how much better had it never been spoken. Kind words How little they cost, and yet, how dear! Soft words soften the soul Words barsh and angry kindle the less moan, a constant looking for- fire of wrath and vengeance. Cold words chill while not once create ire and discord. There are vain words, idle words, slily words, spite Governor of Galilee, should have the if he were such, he should demonstrate dications of the weather prophet not to guard against. By trying daily it by leaving the cross. They realized withstanding or does the sky be- to imitate Hilm who had not where to in, his head only can we live a beautiful life.

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